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Guam EPA brings legal counsel on board to update laws and regulations

Jan. 13, 2011 - The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) today welcomed new legal counsel, Roberta "Happy" Rons, to the Agency. Rons is an employee of the Attorney General of Guam, but has been detailed to Guam EPA.

Rons will be working on updating and helping enforce Guam's environmental laws, rules and regulations. Her first area of focus will be reviewing the proposed Erosion Control and Stormwater Regulations.

"Having legal counsel is critical for our Agency as we work to update Guam's environmental laws, rules and regulations," said Guam EPA Administrator Ivan Quinata. "We are pleased to bring a full-time lawyer on board to help us handle these important issues."

Rons has spent more than 34 years in the legal profession. She has more than 11 years of experience as a lawyer in Guam, including many years as legal counsel for Guam EPA. Rons has experience working with environmental law, rules and regulations including negotiating the settlement of massive Navy anchor damage to coral reef. She has been an active member of the Washington State Bar Association for 33 years and a permanent member of Guam Bar Association for 17 years.

Rons obtained her J.D. with Honors from Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago Kent College of Law.

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